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### **Amash recognizes service academy appointees and Congressional Medal of Merit recipients**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) recognized the 2018 service academy appointees and student Congressional Medal of Merit recipients from Michigan’s Third District at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on Saturday, May 5.

Applicants to the service academies require a nomination from an authorized nominating source, which includes members of Congress. To assist with the nominating process, Amash assembled a committee of military and civic leaders who reviewed applications, interviewed potential nominees, and made recommendations.

In addition to the seven service academy appointees recognized, Amash honored 34 students with the Congressional Medal of Merit. The Congressional Medal of Merit recognizes high school seniors who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and academic excellence. Recipients were nominated by their principals or guidance counselors.

#### **Service Academy Appointments**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Service Academy</u>
Jonathan Berklich	Lowell High School	United States Naval Academy
Sarah Guzzo	St. Phillip Catholic Central	United States Military Academy
Parker Lee	Caledonia High School	United States Naval Academy
William Rayner	Marshall High School	United States Air Force Academy
Tommy Shaw	Harper Creek High School	United States Air Force Academy
Jeremiah Smith	Gull Lake High School	United States Air Force Academy
Timothy VanBeek	Grand Rapids Christian High School	United States Air Force Academy

### Congressional Medal of Merit Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Tomer Andegeko	East Grand Rapids High School
Morgan Anderson	Sparta High School
Cambrie Ballast	South Christian High School
Nolan Barker	Belding High School
Brett Bauman	Forest Hills Northern High School
Ian Blackman Staves	City High Middle School
Jackson Thomas Danner	Rockford High School
Kylie Dunn	East Kentwood High School
William Erskine	Ionia High School
Robert Gagnon	Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center
Megan George	Homer Community High School
Alayna Henry	Catholic Central High School
Lucas Jackson	Lakewood High School
Mark Lang	Marshall High School
Lauren LaSage	Caledonia High School
Rebekah Ludema	Portland High School
Madelyn Malvitz	Forest Hills Eastern High School
Hannah Olson	Byron Center High School
Jacob Ryan Outwin	Cedar Springs High School
Wyatt Owen	Hastings High School
Gustavo Perez Romero	Union High School
Brennan Persenaire-Hogeterp	Grand Rapids Christian High School
Morgan Platz	West Michigan Aviation Academy
Jacob Pointe	Wellspring Preparatory High School
Brianna Roest	Lowell High School
Kylee Schrauben	St. Patrick High School
Joshua Shafley	NorthPointe Christian School
Timothy James Slagle	Harper Creek High School
Meghann TenElshof	Plymouth Christian High School
Seth Udell	Forest Hills Central High School
Megan Voigt	West Catholic High School
Autumn Watson	Creative Technologies Academy
Gavyn Webb	Northview High School
Samuel Allen Wright	Battle Creek Central High School

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